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MEMORANDUM TO: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service  
THROUGH: Chief, Operations Group  
SUBJECT: Monthly Report--Key West Bureau--December 1986

I. GENERAL

Refusing to be outwitted by inanimate objects (and people), we elbowed our way into our townhouses on 12 December, ending the long siege we had waged against the contractor. Giddy on our success, we celebrated at mid-month by inviting most of the local Navy brass to a lavish champagne party. The project, which began way back in 1981 when FBIS began exploring the possibility of building houses on the base, now enters a new phase as we wrestle with the contractor to make good all the defects that have popped up so far.

Thanks to the help of headquarters and the industriousness of our own in-house recruiters, we flushed a covey of monitorial candidates this month. Although it is still too soon to say how many will be serious contenders for our two vacancies, we hope a couple will show enough promise to merit further processing.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. Our small staff took on Fidel word for word this month in an exhausting battle to keep up with all the speeches and events that closed out the year in spectacular fashion. Militarily, Senior Monitor [redacted]--with a little help from our J2 friends in the U.S. Forces Caribbean shop--identified for the first time from Cuban TV two SSC-3 coastal defense cruise missiles. They were shown during the festivities marking the 30th anniversary of Castro's 1956 "Granma" landing in prerevolutionary Cuba. Our ladies then rolled up their fatigue sleeves as we sat down at ringside TV seats to the large nationwide Bastion 86 military exercises, a show stopper that pulled in most of our local military observers who particularly seemed to enjoy the "shoot-em-up" entertainment. Later, we watched the masses come out in front of the U.S. Interests Section in Havana to protest an SR-71 overflight. Complimentary "good show" feedback from HQs conveyed the appreciation of the Community for our series of FYI's reporting on these demonstrations. In keeping with the spirit of the season, Fidel then arranged for our holiday gift on Christmas

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Day by participating in an end-of-the-year session of the National Assembly. A lengthy Castro speech at this event included 30 belt-tightening measures intended to save money, one of which called for a major reduction in TV programming. Perhaps MOD had some inside information earlier in the month when they canceled our Havana TV Cities Project due to lack of consumer interest. End result of all this action was the second highest word count of the year, all processed by three ladies who continue to do the work of at least five people.

#### B. Communications

BACH managed to sting us repeatedly this month by dropping spaces or characters in Format Line 2. We thought this problem had gone away following installation of our new hard disk earlier in the fall. As of now, we continue to work closely with ADD to try to pinpoint the source of the problem and correct this annoying BACH personality trait.

#### C. Technical

Early this month the Navy told us our land-use agreement for the Boca Chica remote site had gone through all the bureaucratic paper mills in Norfolk without a hitch and would soon be formally approved by Southern Division of Naval Facilities Command in Charleston. In the meantime, Engineer [ ] received all our equipment and successfully tested it this month. With the circuitry completed now between the bureau and the Ground Electronics Building at the Naval Air Station where our receivers will be housed, we hope to have the antenna ready to use by mid to late January.

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#### D. Cruising

The bureau's radio broadcast monitor, [ ] caught Castro spreading the gospel even further this month to foreigners visiting Cuba. Radio Taino, which broadcasts in English as well as Spanish in the Havana area, hooked up in a nationwide network of several high-power mediumwave transmitters for the first time ever during the 11 December protests against the SR-71 overflight. The unusual programming caught the attention of the U.S. Interests Section in Havana and prompted a call to us from a State Department desk officer.

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### III. ADMINISTRATION

#### A. Personnel

1. We continued our talks this month with [ ] our lady in Port au Prince who is being primed to begin monitoring the local Haitian newscasts sometime this winter. The bureau chief anticipates visiting Port au Prince early in 1987 to meet with [ ] and various officers in the Embassy and USIS to discuss our plans.

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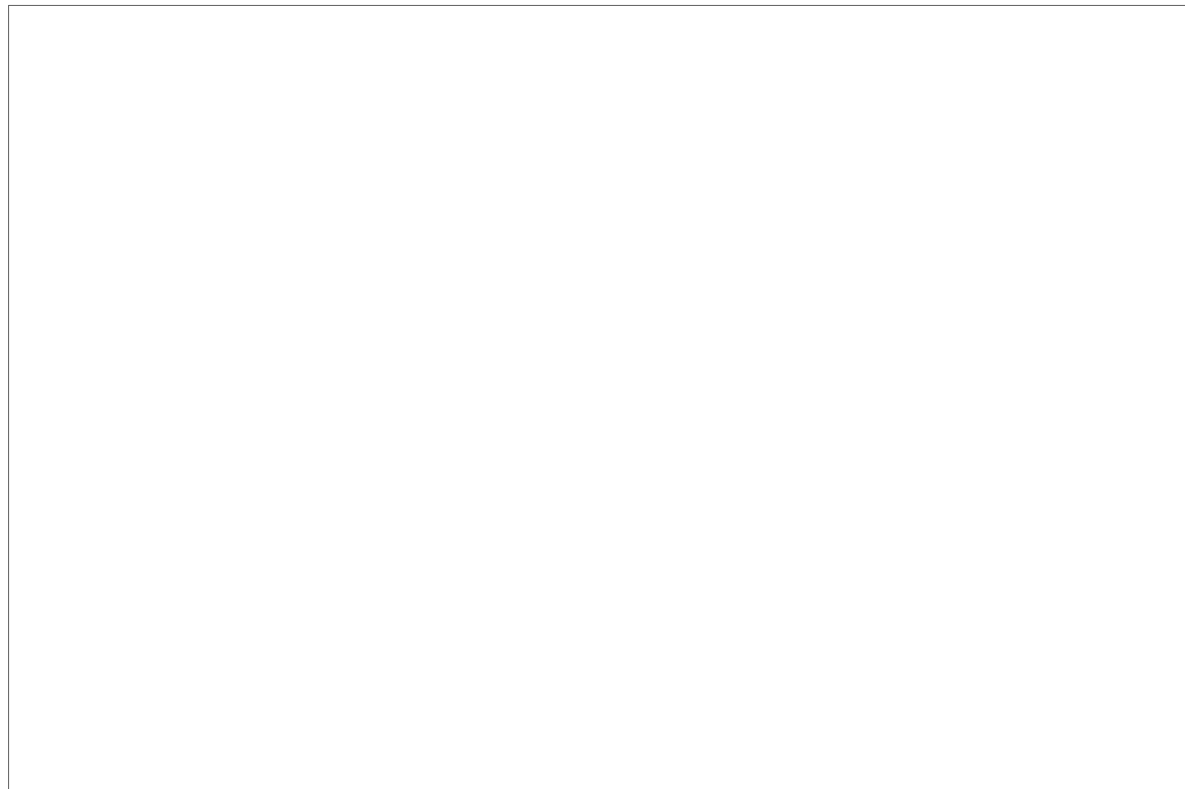
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2. The bureau marked a major rite of passage this month when [redacted], deputy chief and Key West piece of the rock for 17 years, turned in his last program summary on 3 December and retired. Even [redacted] was at a loss for words following our ceremony (picture attached) when he received written accolades from his many colleagues both within and outside FBIS for his years of service. He was last seen sporting his "Go to Hell Fidel" button as he zipped out of our compound en route to link up with someone to teach him how to play golf in Lauderhill, Florida.

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3. Another milestone was reached this month as [redacted] received his 35-year service pin.

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4. Finally, it was certainly a champagne December as we all tossed back a glass to help Deputy Chief [redacted] celebrate her well-deserved promotion to GS-13 on 16 December.

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#### B. Building and Grounds

The local company that provides and maintains our security system replaced our aging motion detectors with modern infrared equivalents.

#### IV. VISITORS

[redacted] RECD, 8-10 December.

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V. MISCELLANEOUS

Item appearing in local newspaper:

**Battery with  
a hamburger**

Alfredo Valdez, 25, of Miami, was charged with battery Monday evening after he allegedly threw a hamburger in the face of a Greene Street businessman who was chasing after another man who had pulled up two sign posts from in front of the business, located on the 400 block of Greene Street.

...as the NEW YORKER used to say, this is where we chose to read no further.

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Chief, Key West Bureau

Attachment:

Nonexpendable Property Report  
Production Report

cc: C/Panama, C/Paraguay Bureau

NONEXPENDABLE PROPERTY  
Monthly Report, Key West Bureau  
December 1986

PROPERTY RECEIVED: 2 ea Receiver, Watkins-Johnson, Mdl. WJ-8718A  
SN's: 3026 and 3044;

2 ea Receiver, Remote Control, Delta Electronics,  
Mdl. RRC-2.  
SN's: 020 and 021;

4 ea Modem, Penril Mdl. 1800 DED, SN's: 1665,  
1666, 1667 and 1668.

PROPERTY TRANSFERRED: None.

PROPERTY DISPOSED: None.

## KEY WEST BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR DECEMBER 1986

## I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH: 157,970

TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH : 36,640

TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH : 436

	BROADCAST	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLICATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:	2,575	14,700	21
(PUBLISHABLE WORDS PER WEEK	MIN	MIN	ISSUES
III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:			
(PUBLISHABLE WORDS PER MONTH)			

## BAHAMAS

Nassau Domestic Service in English	<u>-0-</u>		
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Nassau THE TRIBUNE in English			<u>-0-</u>
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## BARBADOS

Bridgetown CANA in English		<u>39,510</u>	
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Bridgetown ADVOCATE in English			<u>-0-</u>
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Bridgetown SUNDAY ADVOCATE in English			<u>-0-</u>
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## BELIZE

Belize City Domestic Service in English	<u>210</u>		
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Belize Times in English			<u>-0-</u>
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## CUBA

Havana Radio Progreso Network in Spanish	<u>4,390</u>		
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Havana Radio Reloj Network in Spanish	<u>10,840</u>		
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Havana Radio Rebelde Network in Spanish	<u>480</u>		
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Havana Radio Periodico Del Aire in Spanish	<u>-0-</u>		
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## CUBA

Havana Domestic Service in Spanish	<u>10,110</u>
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Havana Tele-Rebelde Network in Spanish	<u>24,780</u>
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Havana Television Cubana Network in Spanish	<u>6,380</u>
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Havana Television Service in Spanish	<u>44,730</u>
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## DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Santo Domingo Cadena Brea Pena in Spanish	<u>450</u>
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Santo Domingo Radio Antillas Network in Spanish	<u>-0-</u>
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Santo Domingo LISTIN DIARIO in Spanish	<u>580</u>
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## JAMAICA

Kingston Domestic Service in English	<u>590</u>
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Kingston DAILY GLEANER in English	<u>-0-</u>
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Kingston SUNDAY GLEANER in English	<u>-0-</u>
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## MEXICO

Mexico City NOTIMEX in Spanish	<u>8,220</u>
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## NETHERLANDS ANTILLES

Bonaire Trans World Radio in English	<u>2,870</u>
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## THE NETHERLANDS

Hilversum International in English	<u>-0-</u>
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## SURINAME

Paramaribo International Service in English	<u>3,830</u>
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OTHER SOURCES: NONE